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# **ORDERS DEVELOPMENT**



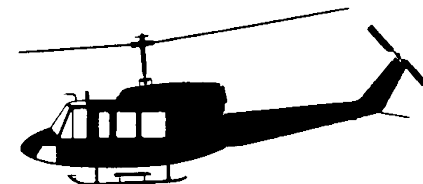
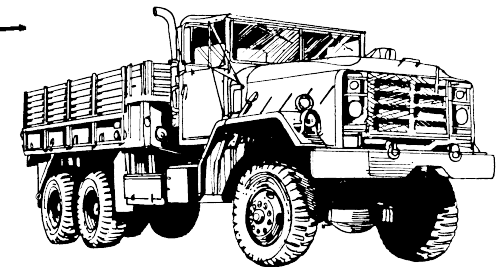
**OPS 015**  
**Maj Marcolongo**



# PURPOSE

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- **Articulates the commander's intent, guidance, and decisions into a clear, useful form that will be understood by the subordinates who must execute them.**





# DOCTRINAL GUIDANCE

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***“Directives should be as **clear, simple** and **concise** as each situation permits.”***

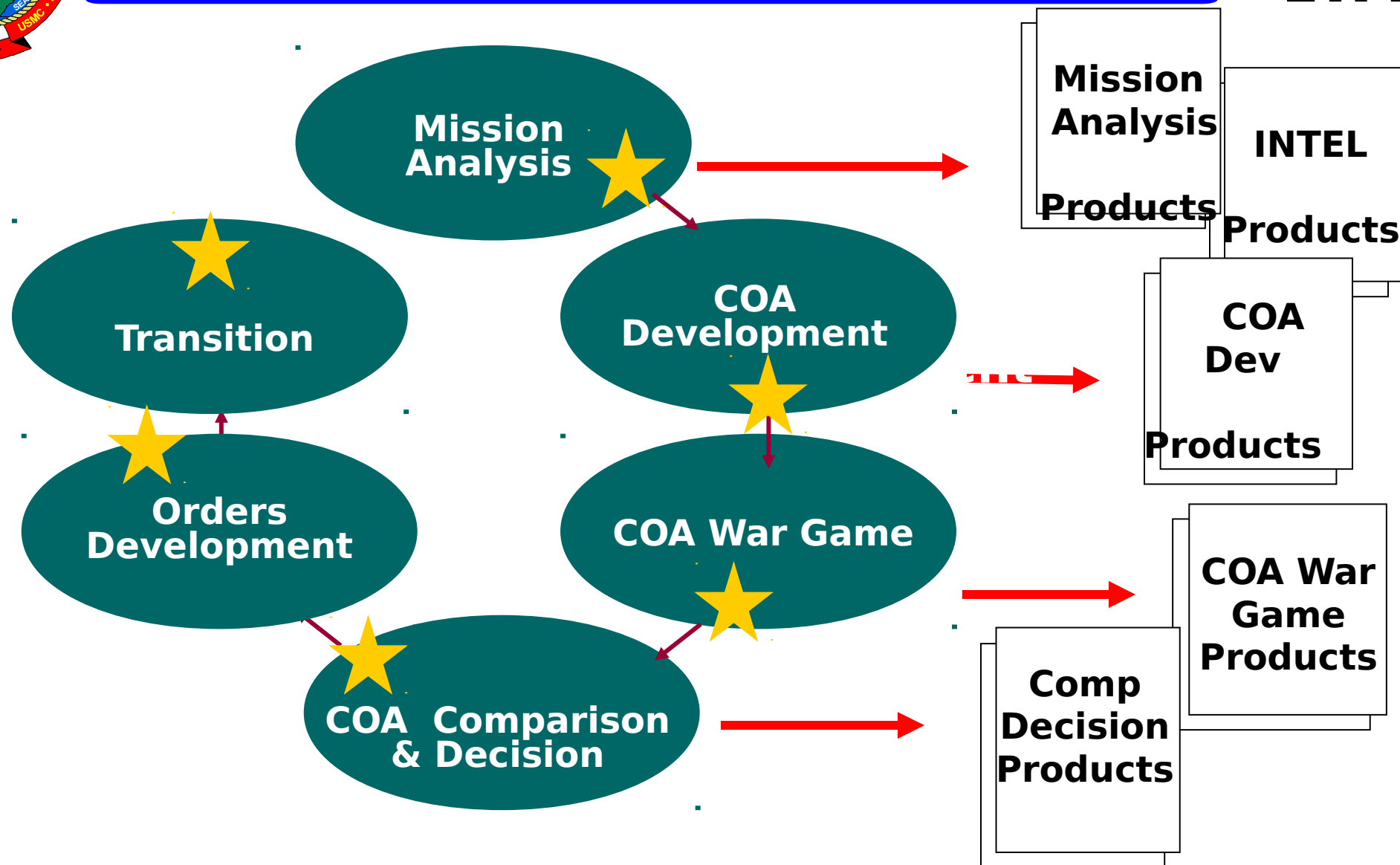
**“...plans and orders exist for those who **receive and execute** them rather than those who write them.”**

**MCDP 5**



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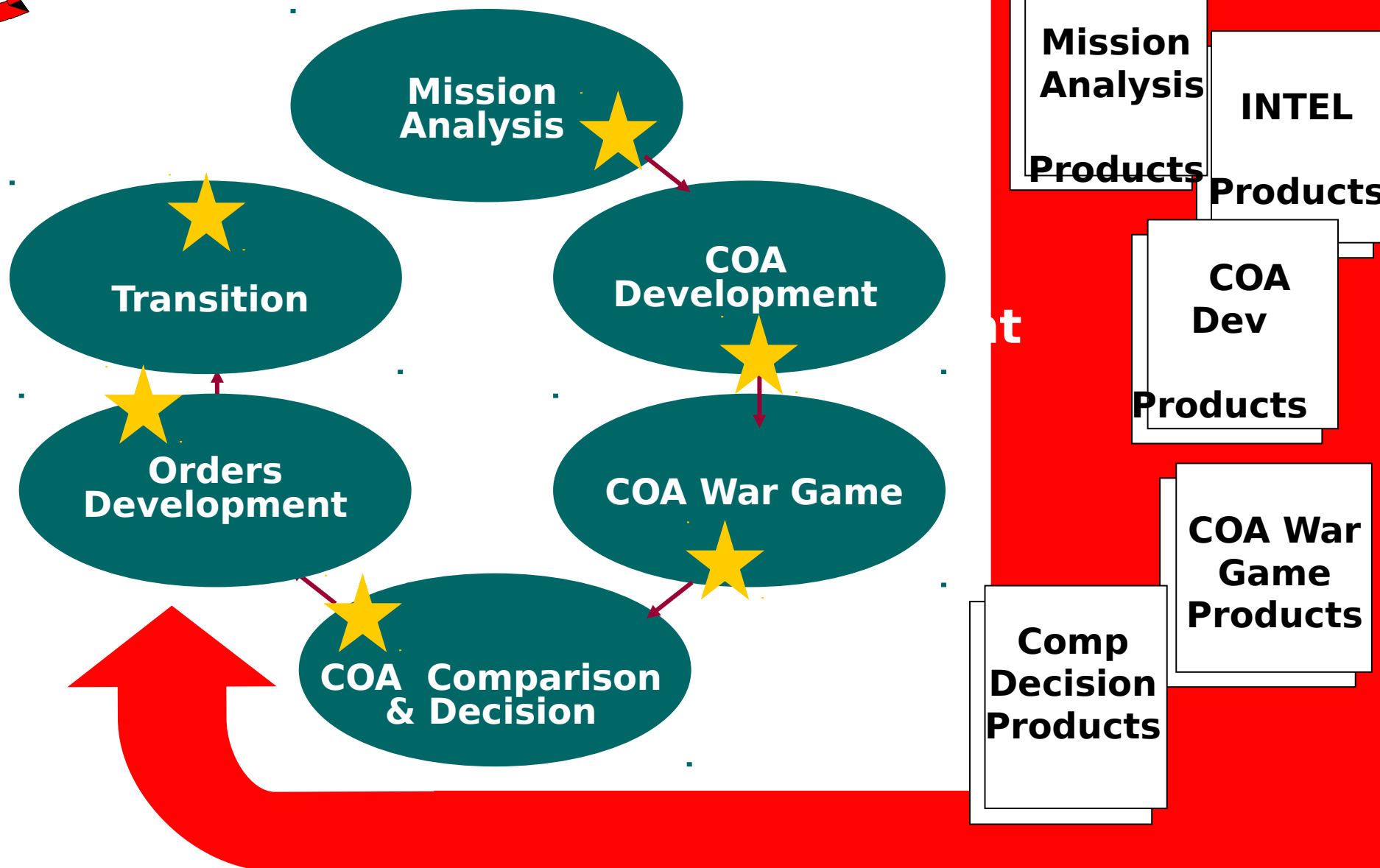
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# MCPPP

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# CHARACTERISTICS

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- **Five paragraphs**
- **Task organization and scheme of maneuver**
- **Clear, concise mission statement based on the mission assigned by the higher headquarters**
- **Execution time and date**
- **Commander's intent and concept of operations**
- **Usually includes an overlay**

## **OPORD**

**I. Situation**

**II. Mission**

**III. Execution**

**IV. Admin & Log**

**V. Cmd & Signal**



# PRINCIPAL TYPES OF ORDERS

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- **Warning Order (WARNO)**--A preliminary notice of an order which is to follow. (JP 1-02)
- **Operation Order (OPORD)**--A directive issued by a commander to subordinate commanders for the purpose of effecting the coordination of an operation. (JP 1-02)
- **Fragmentary Order (FRAGO)**--An abbreviated form of an operation order, usually issued on a day-to-day basis, that eliminates the need for restating information contained in a basic operation order. (JP 1-02)





# OPLAN vs. OPORD

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**OPLAN** - An operation plan for the conduct of joint operations that can be used as a **basis for development** of an operation order (**OPORD**)

**JP 1-02**

Same format as OPORD except:

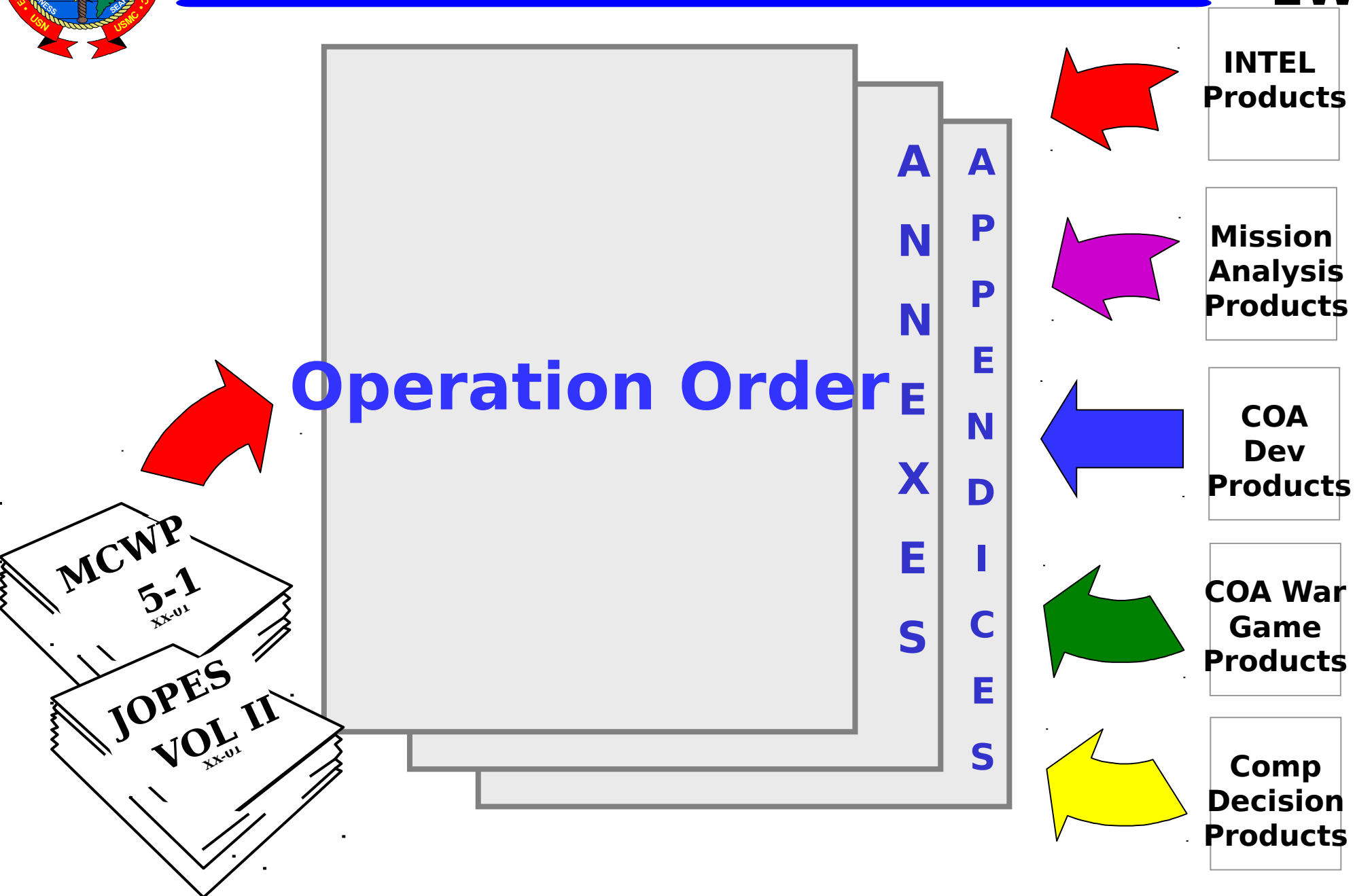
- OPLAN will address politico-military environment in **General Situation** (para 1.a)
- OPLAN addresses **assumptions** (para 1.f)
- OPLAN becomes an OPORD when **conditions of execution** occur and an **execution time** is determined





# PROCESS

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## OP ORDER

### 1. SITUATION

a. General  
(May be omitted)

**Politico-  
Military  
Environment**



**HHQ  
Orders**

**INTEL  
Products**

**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**COA Dev  
War Gm  
Products**

**Comp  
Decision  
Products**



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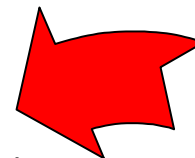
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## OP ORDER

### 1. SITUATION

- a. General
- b. Battlespace

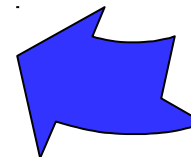
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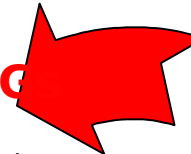
## OP ORDER

### 1. SITUATION

- a. General
- b. Battlespace
- c. Enemy Forces

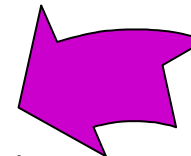
Enemy COG

CV



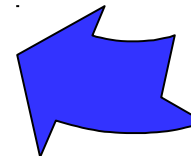
HHQ  
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INTEL  
Products

Enemy  
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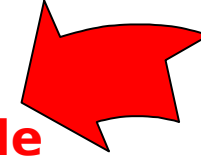
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## OP ORDER

### 1. SITUATION

- a. General
- b. Battlespace
- c. Enemy Forces
- d. Friendly Forces
- e. Att/Detachments
- f. Legal Considerations

**Mission  
Commander's Intent**

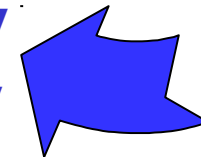


**HHQ  
Orders**

**Coordinating  
Instructions**

**INTEL  
Products**

**Friendly  
COG/CV**



**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**Constraints**

**COA Dev  
War Gm  
Products**

**Restrictions**

**Comp  
Decision  
Products**

# Comp Decision Products





# PROCESS

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## OP ORDER

**2. MISSION**

**3. EXECUTION**

**a. Commander's  
Intent**

**CBAE**  
**Refined**  
**Commander's**  
**Intent**

**HHQ  
Orders**

**INTEL  
Products**

**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**COA Dev  
War Gm  
Products**

**Comp  
Decision  
Products**



# PROCESS

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## OP ORDER

**2. MISSION**

**3. EXECUTION**

**a. Commander's Intent**

**b. Concept of Ops**

**HHQ Orders**

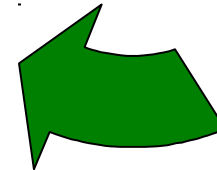
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**Mission Analysis Products**

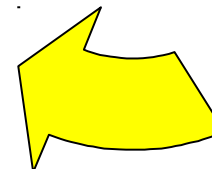
**COA Dev Products**

**COA War Gm Products**

**COA Narrative & Graphic**



**Sync Matrix**





# PROCESS

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## OP ORDER

**2. MISSION**

**3. EXECUTION**

**a. Commander's Intent**

**b. Concept of Ops**

**c. Tasks**

**Specified Tasks**

**Implied Tasks**

**Sync Matrix  
DST/DS  
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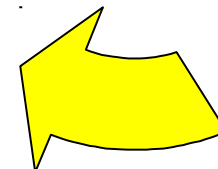
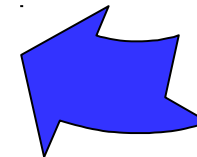
**HHQ Orders**

**INTEL Products**

**Mission Analysis Products**

**COA Dev Products**

**COA War Gm Products**





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## OP ORDER

2. MISSION

3. EXECUTION

a. Commander's Intent

b. Concept of Ops

c. Tasks

d. Reserve

e. CCIRs

f. Coord Instructions

**Coord  
Instruction  
ns**

**CBAE**

**Specified  
Tasks**

**Implied  
Tasks**

**Constrain  
ts**

**Restraint**

**S  
Sync  
Matrix**

**Refine  
d  
CCIRs**

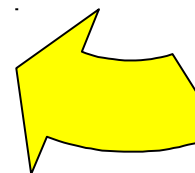
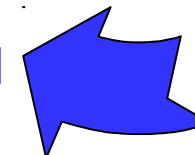
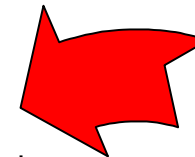
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Orders**

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Products**

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Products**

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**COA  
War Gm  
Products**



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## OP ORDER

**4. ADMIN/LOG**

**5. COMMAND &  
SIGNAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGE  
RECEIPT**

**ANNEXES**

**APPENDICES**

**Annexes**

**Appendices**

**Staff  
Estimates**

**Sync  
Matrix**

**COA  
Sketch**

**HHQ  
Orders**

**Staff  
Est**

**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**COA Dev  
Products**

**COA  
War Gm  
Products**



# PROCESS

**EWTG**

## OP ORDER

**4. ADMIN/LOG**

**5. COMMAND &  
SIGNAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGE  
RECEIPT**

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**LTGEN**

**ANNEXES**

**APPENDICES**

**Orders  
Reconciliati  
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**Orders  
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**Staff  
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**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**COA Dev  
Products**

**COA  
War Gm  
Products**



**Commander's  
Approval**







# PROCESS GUIDANCE

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## **Chief of Staff (or XO) guidance:**

- type of order or plan with annexes/appendices**
- responsibilities**
- deadlines/coordination**





# WHO WRITES THE OP ORDER?

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- **The Staff Principals**
  - The order benefits from Staff Principal Officer expertise
  - OPT/Staff Principals/MSC interaction
  - Draws on OPT situational awareness

**OPT members may do the work.**



# TACSOP

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## OPORD Drafting Responsibilities

TITLE		ELEMENT
<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>N</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>N</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>C</b>		<b>Operations</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>NBC Defense Operations</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>ROE</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>Reconnaissance</b>
<b>D</b>		<b>Logistics</b>
<b>E</b>		<b>Personnel</b>



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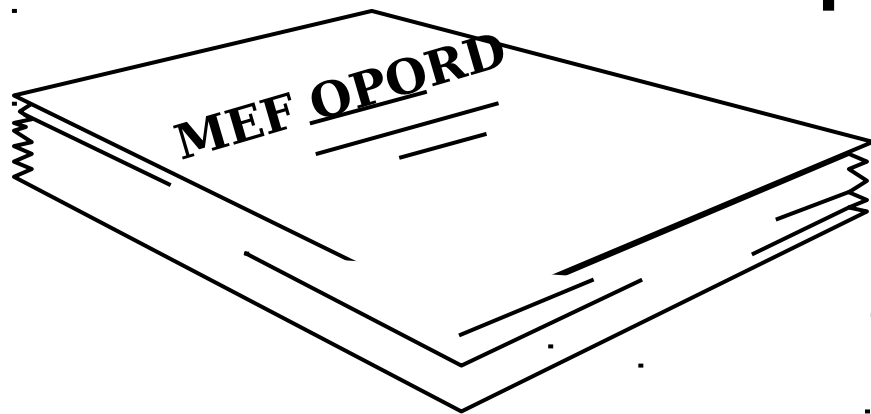
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# DOES SIZE MATTER?

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# OBSERVATIONS

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- Orders writing: *a lost art?*
- Issuing FRAGOs without a base OPORD
- Too verbose
- Too prescriptive
- Improper terminology
- Tasks without “in order to” statements
- Violations of the “half rule”
- Briefs vice orders
- Numerous working copies
- “It’s on our homepage”
- Confusing the *“send”* button with *“acknowledge receipt”*

